## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION | §<br>8      | No. 12-md-2323 (AB)      |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|
| INJURY LITIGATION                                   | §<br>§      | MDL No. 2323             |
|   | §<br>8 *    |                          |
|   | §           |                          |
| THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:                           | §<br>§      | SHORT FORM COMPLAINT     |
|   | §           | IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL |
| Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-             | §           | LEAGUE PLAYERS'          |
| Form Complaint and                                  | §           | CONCUSSION INJURY        |
| BRODERICK THOMAS, ET AL                             | §<br>§      | LITIGATION               |
| V.  | §<br>§<br>& |                          |
| THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE                        | 8           |                          |
| USDC, SDTX NO. 4:12-cv-02875                        | §           |                          |
| USDC, EDPA NO. 2:12-cv-05953-AB                     | §           | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED      |
|   |             |                          |

## **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff(s), <u>Greg Wesley</u> and, if applicable,

  Plaintiff's Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_\_, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS'

  CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this Short Form Complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form

Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

| 4.           | [Fill in if applicable] P   | laintiff is filing this case | in a representative capacity |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| as the       | of                          | , having be                  | een duly appointed as the    |
|              | By the                      | Court of                     | . (Cross out                 |
| Sentence b   | pelow if not applicable.)   | Copies of the Letters        | of Administration/Letters    |
| Testamenta   | ry for a wrongful death cl  | aim are annexed hereto i     | if such Letters are required |
| for the con  | nmencement of such a cla    | aim by the Probate, Surr     | ogate or other appropriate   |
| court of the | jurisdiction of the decede  | nt.                          |                              |
| 5.           | Plaintiff, Greg W           | <u>'esley</u> is             | a resident and citizen of    |
| Len          | exa, Kansas                 | and claims dama              | ges as set forth below.      |
| 6.           | [Fill in if applicable] P   | laintiff's spouse,           | , is a                       |
| resident and | d citizen of                | and claims dama              | ges as a result of loss of   |
| consortium   | proximately caused by the   | e harm suffered by her Pla   | aintiff husband/decedent.    |
| 7.           | On information and be       | elief, the Plaintiff (or dec | edent) sustained repetitive, |
| traumatic s  | sub-concussive and/or co    | ncussive head impacts of     | during NFL games and/or      |
| practices.   | On information and be       | tief, Plaintiff suffers (or  | r decedent suffered) from    |
| symptoms     | of brain injury caused b    | by the repetitive, trauma    | atic sub-concussive and/or   |
| concussive   | head impacts the Plaintif   | f (or decedent) sustained    | during NFL games and/or      |
| practices.   | On information and belief   | , the Plaintiff's (or decede | ent's) symptoms arise from   |
| injuries tha | t are latent and have devel | oped and continue to dev     | elop over time.              |

8. [Fill in if applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in the USDC, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. If the case is

remanded, it should be remanded to the <u>USDC</u>, <u>Southern District of Texas</u>, <u>Houston Division</u>.

| 9.             | Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:                           |  |  |
|----------------|---|--|--|
|                | ✓ Injury to Herself/Himself;  |  |  |
|                | Injury to the Person Represented;   |  |  |
|                | Wrongful Death;   |  |  |
|                | Survivorship Action;  |  |  |
|                | ✓ Economic Loss;  |  |  |
|                | Loss of Services;   |  |  |
|                | Loss of Consortium.   |  |  |
| 10.            | [Fill in if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband,                       |  |  |
|                | , Plaintiff's Spouse,, suffers from a   |  |  |
| loss of consor | tium, including the following injuries:   |  |  |
|                | loss of marital services;   |  |  |
|                | loss of companionship, affection or society;  |  |  |
|                | loss of support; and  |  |  |
|                | monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to                          |  |  |
| expend for the | e heath care and personal care of her husband.  |  |  |
| 11.            | [Check if applicable] <a href="#">Y Plaintiff</a> (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) |  |  |
| reserve(s) the | right to object to federal jurisdiction.  |  |  |

## **DEFENDANTS**

12. Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the following Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:

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✓ National Football League;
✓ NFL Properties, LLC;
✓ Riddell, Inc.;
✓ All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.);
✓ Riddell Sports Group, Inc.;
✓ Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.;
✓ Easton-Bell Sports, LLC
✓ EB Sports Corporation;
✓ RBG Holdings Corporation.
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- 13. [Check where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above, the claims asserted are: ✓ design defect; ✓ informational defect; \_\_manufacturing defect.
- 14. [Check if applicable] ✓ The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or decedent) played in the NFL and/or AFL.
- 15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable) ✓ the National Football League

  ("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] \_\_ the American Football League ("AFL") during

| 2000 to 2008  | for the following teams: Oakland Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs            |
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|               | <u>CAUSES OF ACTION</u>  |
| 16.           | Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master    |
| Administrativ | ve Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by |
| Reference in  | those Counts [check all that apply]:                                       |
|               | ✓ Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL);    |
|               | ✓ Count II (Medical Monitoring [Against the NFL]);                         |
|               | Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions [Against the NFL]);         |
|               | ✓ Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment [Against the NFL]);                     |
|               | ✓ Count V (Fraud [Against the NFL]);                                       |
|               | ✓ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation [Against the NFL]);                |
|               | Count VII Negligence Pre-1968 Against the NFL]);                           |
|               | ✓ Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 [Against the NFL]);                     |
|               | Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 [Against the NFL]);                         |
|               | ✓ Count X (Negligence Post-1994 [Against the NFL]);                        |
|               | Count XI (Loss of Consortium [Against the NFL and Riddell                  |
|               | Defendants]);  |
|               | ✓ Count XII (Negligent Hiring [Against the NFL]);                          |
|               | ✓ Count XIII (Negligent Retention [Against the NFL]);                      |
|               | ✓ Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect [Against the               |
|               | Riddell Defendants1):  |

\_\_ Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect [Against the

|             | Riddell Defendants]);  |
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|             | ✓ Count XVI (Failure to Warn [Against the Riddell Defendants]);                  |
|             | ✓ Count XVII (Negligence [Against the Riddell Defendants]);                      |
|             | ✓ Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment [Against                  |
|             | the NFL Defendants]).  |
| 17.         | Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or         |
| attach]:    |  |
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| Websenson   |  |
|             | PRAYER FOR RELIEF  |
| Wh          | erefore, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable), pray(s) for judgment |
| as follows: |  |
| A.          | An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be                    |
|             | determined at trial;   |
| В.          | For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;                                |
| C.          | For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern         |
|             | this action;   |
| D.          | For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form            |
|             | of equitable relief;   |
|             |  |

An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and

For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;

E.

F.

G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

## **JURY DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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